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SUBJECT: Secretary's Views on Student Exchange Proposal  
Between Harvard and Moscow Universities

Mr. Hanes called me today and said that he had taken up with the Secretary the matter of the Soviet proposal for an exchange of students with Harvard University.

The Secretary said he felt a question of this kind was a toss-up and that there were many factors on both sides of the question to be considered. However, he was opposed to the project at this time. Particularly important in his thinking at present was the fact that such an exchange might have the effect of encouraging other countries, less able than the United States to handle Communist infiltration, to engage in similar exchange projects.

The Secretary said that his views on this matter were not fixed for all time and might be different after he came back from his trip to Karachi or three months from now. However, for the present, he felt it best to decline the proposal.

cc: CIA - Mr. Bundy

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